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SUBJECT: TIMEX PROPOSES MASS LAYOFF

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1. TIMEX MANAGEMENT HAS ANNOUNCED IT PLANS TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE FACTORY ON JANUARY 23 FOR TWO WEEKS AND TO PERMANENTLY DISMISS 700 WORKERS. WORKERS WILL BE PAID THROUGH END OF JANUARY. FACTORY WILL OPEN AGAIN ON FEBRUARY 9 AND OPERATE FOR THREE WEEKS, AT WHICH TIME IT WILL SHUT DOWN AGAIN FOR TWO WEEKS.

2. WORKERS PUBLISHED COMMUNIQUE ON JANUARY 22 DESCRIBING ABOVE PLAN AND ACCUSING MANAGEMENT OF BAD FAITH. LABOR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE OF JANUARY 21 STATED THAT WORKERS HAD PRESENTED ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL BUT MANAGEMENT HAD NOT COMPLIED WITH AGREEMENT. WORKERS WILL HOLD FACTORY-WIDE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 23 TO DECIDE ON NEXT ACTION. TAKE-OVER OF PLANT AND/OR LOCK-IN OF MANAGEMENT ARE POSSIBILITIES.

3. COMMENT: SITUATION AT PLANT STILL CALM AS OF 11:00 AM LISBON TIME. MANAGEMENT (ALL SCOTTISH NATIONALS) SOMEWHAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONCERNED ABOUT OUTCOME OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING. THEY

STATE THAT ACTION BEING TAKEN IN VIEW OF LACK OF CONCRETE
LABOR MINISTRY RESPONSE TO ORIGINAL PROPOSAL. MINISTRY'S
COUNTER-PROPOSALS TO NEGOTIATE EVIDENTLY NOW UNACCEPTABLE TO
TIMEX MANAGEMENT.

4. PLANNED DISMISSAL OF WORKERS APPARENTLY ILLEGAL UNDER PRESENT LAW.

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